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ized by a creamy, or sometimes grayish, tint, and usually covered with a delicate pearly or lustrous giaze. It is in reality a variety of Parian ware, being formed in the same manner by the process called casting, or pouring diluted clay or slip of the consistency of cream into plaster moulds, which by absorbing a part of the moisture from the portion of the liquid preparation in direct contact retain a thin shell of partially dried clay after the superfluous contents are taken out. After stand-ing a few minutes the thin cast can be liberated from the mould. The thickness of the walls, of course, depends upon the length of time the slip is allowed to remain in the mould before the surplus is removed. By this ingenious method cups, sancers, and other forms of ware can be made almost as thin as an eggshell or a piece of heavy paper, and after being allowed to become thoroughly dry can be safely burned in the kiln. It can readily be understood that it would not be possible to make such fragile pieces by the usual proceases with plastic clay, which must be of the consistency of putty or dough, on the potter's wheel or by pressing in moulds.

ware was first made at Stoke-upon-Trent by the eminent potter William Henry



RUSTIC JUG. AMERICAN BELLEEK WARE. Goss, who invented the body or composition some thirty-five years ago; but it was not then known by this name. Soon after its introduc-tion Messrs. McBirney & Armstrong induced some of Mr. Goss's workmen, including his manager, William Bromley, to join them at their porcelain works, then reently started (in 1863) in the town of Belieck, County Fermanagh, Ireland, and the art was established so successfully there that the name of the village was given to the ware which has since become so noted. The distinguishing characteristic of this beautiful product is its lustrous glaz ing, which varies in color from white to yellow and through graded tints to a dark leaden hue. Mr. Goss has continued to manufacture this

dainty variety of porcelain until the present time, and his factory has become one of the most noted in the British empire. Among the most popular of his productions in this body are loving oups and little cream jugs, cups and saucers, and fairy tea sets embellished with beautifully colored crests and coats of arms of the different English cities and of prominent personages, such as Queen Elizabeth, Sir Walter Raleigh, King Henry of Navarre, Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, Shakespeare, Sir

ter Raleigh, King Henry of Navarre, Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, Shakespeare, Sir Walter Scott, and Robert Burns. His works have become fynous through his Shakespeare momentals and a reproduction in porcelain of Queen Victoria sirst little shoes. The history of the latter is so interesting that I quote from an English paper an account which appeared when they were first placed on exhibition a few years ago:

"There is always something touching in looking at the shoe of a little child; for who can forecast the rough and often thorny paths the little pligrim may have to tread?

"Mr. Goss accidentally heard of the Queen's first shoe, which he has now copied and reproduced in porcelain, imitating form, material, and color. The story we give, although it is a story, is quite true.

"Her Majesty's father, the Duke of Kent, went to live at Sidmouth in 1819 to get the benefit of the Devonshire climate. While there a certain local shoemaker received the order for the first pair of shoes for the infant Princess Victoria. But instead of making two only he made three while he was about it, facsimiles, and kept one as a memorial and curlosity. It has been preserved to this day, and is now in the possession of his daughter, who is the wife of Mr. Goss's agent at Sidmouth. "Hearing of this, Mr. Goss borrowed the shoe and made an exact copy in porcelain. The dairty little shoe is four inches in length, has a brown leather sole, white satin upper, is laced, and tied in front with a bow of light blue silk ribbon, and bound with the same round the edge and down the back of the licel. "In 1820 the shoemaker received the royal warrant, and that also is preserved with the interesting little shoe.

"This little preciain model, so suggestive, will arouse the loyal thrill of love and blersing in thousands of Eritish hearts, simple little Cinderelia sort of thing as it is; while to ner gracious Majesty herself it must touch a minor chord that of the loyal thrill of love and blersing in thousands of Eritish kearts, simple little

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TUMBLES, WITH BADGE OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

are the porcelain tumblers which have just been produced at the same factory, bearing on the front a faithful duplication in blue and yellow enamels of the insignia of the society of Sons of the Revolution, which were made at the suggestion of a member of the society in Fennsylvania. The soft, satiny Heleek body seems to be particularly well adapted to show off to advantage the rich designs of these badges, and this suggestion will doubtless be followed by other patriotic hereditary societies in the United States. reages, and this surgestion will doubtless be followed by other patriotic hereditary societies in the United States.

John Hart Brewer of Trenton first attempted the manufacture of Belleck ware in this country. He commenced his experiments in this line in 1882, and in the following year brought over from England William Bromley and his son from the Belleck works in Ireland. Subsequently the elder Bromley joined the Willets Manufacturing Company of the same place, and introduced the manufacture of eggshell china there, and at the present time there are no less than five or six establishments in Trenton where the same class of ware is made.

Among many specialties recently introduced is a new style of decoration which has been worked out by Miss Kate Scars, a Kansas girl, who studied modelling in Boston. Going to Trenton for the purpose of pursuing her studies in this direction, one day in 1891, while engaged in working over the wet Belleck, the idea of carving delicate designs in the dry clay occurred to her, and after conducting a series of experiments her efforts were orowned with success. The process of modelling which Miss Scars has originated is as follows: A vase or other piece which has been formed in the wet clay and dried is taken before it has been for the kim, and with knives or other tools the design is cut or chiselled so as to leave the background as thin and transparent so possible when finished. As the dry Bel-



beautiful ware. Mr. Goss has adopted as a factory mark his family crest, a falcon rising ducally gorged, which is printed on each piece in black. The mark of the Belleck factory in Ireland consists of the four Irish emblems—the watch tower, the hound, the harp of Erin, and the shamneck and is printed on the ware in green or black. At the Etruria Pottery, formerly operated by Messrs, Ott & Brover, now known as the Cooke Pottery Company, the mark used on Belleck ware was a crescent bearing the name, with the initials of the proprietors, "O & B." The Willets Manufacturing Company uses for a factory mark on its decorated Belleck pieces the figure of a serpent looned in the form of a W. which is printed in red. On similar ware produced by the Ceramic Art Company is printed in red a design composed of a minter's palette and a circle enclosing the monogram C A C, while



W. H. GOSS.

Mesers. Morris & Willimere of the Columbian Art Pottery employ a shield with the initials of the firm name. M.W. These various marks are here reproduced for the beneft of those who may desire to identify any examples of Belleek ware which fall into their hands.

The manufacture of Belieck ware was introduced into this country by English potters who had learned the processes at the potteries in England and Ireland, and we cannot, therefore, lay claim to originality so far as the product Messrs. Morris & Willmore of the Columbian Art Pottery employ a shield with the initials



MARK OF THE IRISH PACTORIES. itself is concerned; yet, in a measure, the ware as made in America differs materially from the foreign in many respects, and has been developed in new directions, so that it has come to have distinctive characteristics of its own which entitle it to be ranked with original American productions. While our potters, perhaps, have not yet reached the high degree of elaborate modelling which characterizes



MARKS OF AMERICAN MAKERS.

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Some of the Imported Belleek, they have already surpassed the foreign manufacturers in the simplicity and elegance of their forms and the artistic quality of their decorations, while in delicacy of coloring, in the excellence and lightness of body, the American products are not surpassed. A visit to the showrooms of the Trenton potteries will prove a revelation to those who still believe that no artistic china is made in this country.

EDWIN ATLEE BARBER,

LOST CHILDREN.

Things Shown by the Statistics Collated by the Police in This City. Notwithstanding the steady growth of New York city in copulation, the number of lost children who come into the temporary custody of the Police Department does not vary, but remains continuously about 2,500 a year. In 1893 the number of lost children reported at the Bureau of Information in Mulberry street was 2.579. In 1894 it was 2,580, In 1895 it was 2,578. The number, in fact, is stationary, and two-thirds of the lost children are Whether it is on account of the in-herent timidity of girls or the more adventurous disposition of New York small boys is not perfectly clear, but the fact is un-deniable that the number of lost boys is twice as large as the number of lost girls. Another notable fact is that the number of reported cases of lost children in winter is materially smaller than the number in spring or sum mer. Thus 70 is the average in December, 90 in January, and 75 in February; whereas, in the three months of April, May, and June the num-ber of lost children is between 300 and 400 a month. It is customary to explain this discrep-ancy by saying that there are many more children out of doors when the weather is sultry than on winter days, and therefore the probabilities of being lost are materially greater in summer than in winter months, but this explanation is not entirely satisfacto-ry, because the three months in which the

this explanation is not entirely satisfactory, because the three months in which the largest number of children are reported lost are not those of summer but of spring, and, moreover, the number of lost children in the autumn months, September, October, and November, is much smaller than during the spring months. That school attendance or school vacation has little to do with the number of lost children is shown by the fact that there is no material increase in the months of July and August, when the schools are not in session.

The police figures show, among other interesting things, that the largest number of lost children are in those districts of the east side in which Russian and Folish residents are most numerous. Italians, too, and especially Italian boys, have a proneness to getting lost, but New York boys and Irish-American boys seldom go astray. German girls are, relatively, more often reported lost than German boys, and it is perhaps a somewhat significant thing that on the average there are fewer lost children among colored girls and very few of either.

The rule of the Police Department is to hold lost children at station houses until the hour of so clock, and a lost child should therefore be sought by solicitous parents or guardians at the nearest police station up to that hour. In a spring month, in a populous part of New York, it is no uncommon thing in an afternoon to see a number of lost children playing about, in childish indifference to the anxiety which their disappearance has created, in a station house, and particularly in one of these three to which lost children are most often taken, the Delancey street station, the Eldridge street station, and the I falon Market station on East Houston street. Though the number of lost children is considerable.

UNIQUE MAIL BOUTES.

nys in Which Snow-bound Colorado Miners Get Their Letters in Winter, DENVER, Feb. 29.-Probably the most unique method of transporting mails known to the United States Post Office Department is that in daily use between Telluride and Smuggler. The mining town of Telluride is located at the head of a picturesque gulch. The mountains rise in majesty to cloud-plercing heights about the town, and from every precipitous draw between the giant peaks foaming cascades, waterfalls, and roaring streams come down from the snowladen summits to swell the torrent of the San Miguet, which rushes through the town. Four miles above Telluride is Marshall Basin, situated among the snowy peaks and far above timber line, and in this basin is the little mining settle ment of Smuggler, where the employees of the great Smuggler-Union and Tom Boy mines make their homes. Although the inhabitants have a Post Office of their own the postal authorities do not guarantee a regular service because of the difficulty of keeping a trail open in the winter time. The dangerous snowslides constantly threaten destruction to the hardy miners who scramble through the snows up the steep trails to the settlement in Marshall Basin. Until in recent years all supplies for the camp in Marshall Basin were transported thither by pack animals. Timber for the mines, coal for the bollers, and iron rails were dragged over the trails or packed securely about swaying pack saddles and carried to an elevation of 12,000 feet by the burro. When winter closed down and the burro trains could no longer be driven on schedule time the miners would take turns in going down on snowshoes to get the

down and the burro trains could no longer be driven on schedule time the miners would take turns in going down on snowshoes to get the mails and a few necessary supplies that could be carried upon their backs.

But the practical aplication of the endless chain by the inventor of the Huson train has greatly facilitated the transportation of supplies from Telluride up to Marshall Basin (freat iron buckets, each carrying down the mountain a half ton of ore, furnish by their weight the active power which drives the endless chain from which they are suspended. In those buckets, upon their return, the necessary supplies for the camp are placed. One of the buckets is painted a bright red color and the letters. T. S. Mail. in black designate the use to which it is put. The daily mail for Sminggler Post Office is now delivered as regularly across the four milesof precipice, snow-buried guiches, and giant mountain ruggedness with as much safety as between two settlements in the prairies of western Kansas or Nebraska.

Just over the range, of peaks from Marshall Basin is the Post Office of Mt. Sneffels near the famous Virginius mines, seven miles above Ouray, a mining town which is as picturesquely located as Telluride. A good wagon trail leads from Ouray up the mountain side to Virginius mine, but in the winter time the trail fills with snow, an occasional slide destroys the continuity of the route so that sledding cannot be done, and the mails are carried by men with snowshoes. There are a number of snowshoe routes in the mountains of Colorado, but none more hazardous than this one. The men who carry the mails over snowshoe routes seldom meet with accident. They have learned to understand the peculiarity of snowshoes, and when a high wind is blowing or other meterological conditions make travelling along the trails dangerous, they postpone their trips until settled weather returns. Sometimes the mails are two weights and a second of the mail carriers dare to venture forth.

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Game Fishes Need Plenty of Food and Water.

A. N. Cheney, the well-known fish culturist, says: "Some amateur fish raisers want me to put 100,000 fish into a stream where 15,000 would be crowded to suffocation or starvation. With plenty of water and lots of food fish thrive, as shown by: "A yearling brown trout fell into a rearing pond of trout fry. Nine months later, when twenty-one months old, the brown trout weighed 5% pounds, where ordinarily it would weighed 549 pounds, where ordinarily it would have weighed a pound. The brown trout had lived high on its younger relatives."

At snother time some pickerel fry got into a pond with some thousands of black bass and carp fry. When five months old the largest pickerel weighed 246 pounds and was 1745 inches long. The water tigers had thrived on the bass and carp, "therefore, it takes plenty of the right kind of food in the right kind of water to make big, healthy fish; especially is this true of the carm fisher that he was the relative to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to the same fisher that he was the water to be same to

The Up-to-date Sportsman and Ris Camers An important part of the modern sportsmen's paper is the pictures. A part of the up-to-date sportsman's outfit is a camera, and no trophy, to his mind, equals a good picture of wild life in the woods. The Sportenen's Review has such a picture in a recent issue. It shows two does walking, one behind the other, on their way to a spring somewhere beyond, along the foot of a hill slope, where thick bushes are shown, even to the little twigs. The deer are looking askantly toward the camera, as if watching an unexplained contrivance on three wooden legs partly concealed in the brush. The photographer of game running wild has to be the stillest, craftlest kind of a still hunter. He must find his game in open places on fair days, but once he gets a good shot, without the misfortune of a missire, he is the happiest of mortals.

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